

## PERSONNEL AND TRAINING BUREAU

### **NOTICE** 12.1.1

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**TO:** All Concerned Personnel

**FROM:** Commanding Officer, Personnel and Training Bureau

**SUBJECT:** DEPARTMENT-WIDE LOADING STANDARDS FOR ALL AUTHORIZED WEAPON SYSTEMS-REVISED

During the use of force review process of officer involved shootings, there have been instances in which officers have not had their primary pistol and/or shotgun loaded to capacity. As a result, officers shall verify the capacity of their pistols/shotguns and ensure that they are fully loaded.

Los Angeles Police Department Manual Section 3/611.30, *Required Ammunition For Primary Weapon- Uniformed Officers*, states uniformed officers shall carry their primary pistol fully loaded at all times when assigned to field duty. The pistol is to be carried with one round in the chamber and a fully loaded magazine seated in the magazine well.

**Note:** Fully loaded or loaded to capacity refers to the maximum number of rounds the magazine is designed to hold and will differ by make, model, and manufacturer specifications.

#### **Semi Automatic Pistol-Field Duty**

Uniformed officers in field assignments shall carry their primary semiautomatic pistol and a minimum of two fully loaded primary semiautomatic pistol reserve magazines in their magazine pouches.

#### **Semi Automatic Pistol-Plainclothes**

Plainclothes officers shall carry their primary semiautomatic pistol and magazine fully loaded at all times. In addition, plainclothes officers shall carry as a minimum, one fully loaded magazine for their primary semiautomatic pistol in a magazine pouch worn on the belt or shoulder holster strap per Department Manual Section 3/611.40.

#### **Service Revolver-Field Duty**

The service revolver shall be carried fully loaded by uniformed officers assigned to field duty. Uniformed officers carrying a revolver as a primary duty weapon in field assignments shall carry a minimum of 12 rounds in the cartridge case.

In addition, the Department has established the loading standards listed below for all weapon systems to ensure officer safety and patrol readiness at all times.

Weapon System	No. of Rounds in Chamber	Minimum Number of Magazines/Additional Ammo Required	Additional
<b>Revolver as a Back-Up Weapon</b>	N/A	Magazine not applicable.  Additional ammo is recommended.	When a revolver is carried as a back-up weapon, the cylinders are to be loaded to full capacity.  Additional rounds are recommended.
<b>Remington Shotgun Patrol-Ready</b>	0	The standard Remington 870 shotgun's magazine capacity is four rounds. Magazine extensions have been approved that expand the capacity of the shotgun magazine to five or six rounds.  The shotgun magazine tube shall be loaded to full capacity by shotgun operators who are not slug certified and are deploying only shot, regardless of the capacity of the tube.  See exception for Slug Ammunition (SA) cadre.	The shotgun is loaded to "patrol ready." Patrol ready refers to a fully loaded magazine with no round chambered. The first round is not chambered until the shotgun is deployed. Once the first round is chambered, the magazine may be "topped off" with an additional round. Once the shotgun is no longer deployed, it is to be returned to a patrol ready condition.  <b><u>Slug Ammunition (SA) Exception:</u></b> SA cadre members with magazine extensions are authorized to load four shot shell rounds in the magazine tube while in patrol ready condition to facilitate transition to slug ammunition if necessary.
<b>Benelli Shotgun Patrol-Ready</b>	0	The standard Benelli M4 magazine capacity is four rounds. Magazine extensions have been approved that expand the capacity of the shotgun magazine to six rounds.  The Benelli M4 shotgun magazine tube shall be loaded to full capacity by Benelli operators who are not slug certified and are deploying only buckshot regardless of the capacity of the tube.  See exception for SA cadre.	The first round is not loaded into the chamber until the shotgun is deployed. Once the first round is chambered, the magazine may be "topped off" with an additional round. Upon completion of the deployment, the shotgun's chamber is downloaded and the shotgun is returned to a Patrol Ready condition.  <b><u>SA Exception:</u></b> SA cadre members with magazine extensions are authorized to load four shot shell rounds in the magazine tube while in patrol ready condition to facilitate transition to slug ammunition if necessary.

<b>Patrol Rifle Patrol-Ready</b>	0	<p>The patrol rifle shall be stored with NO ammunition or magazines in the weapon until deployed.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> When storing a Patrol Rifle in an authorized fixed locking mount in a city vehicle, a loaded magazine may be seated in the magazine well.</p>	<p>A minimum of 72 rounds shall be carried. A minimum of four 20 round magazines is recommended.</p> <p>All Patrol Rifle magazines shall be loaded two rounds less than full capacity. A 20-round magazine shall be loaded with 18 rounds; a 30-round magazine shall be loaded with 28 rounds. No exceptions.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Patrol Rifle operators shall indicate, by either marking with an ink marker or applying labels such as Dymotape or P-Touch, on each magazine what the actual round count is in that magazine.</p>
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**Note: The magazine loading standards for the Patrol Rifle magazine remain unchanged. However, the requirement to mark each magazine with the number of rounds loaded is now MANDATORY for all Department rifle operators.**

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Michelle Richards, Officer in Charge, Firearms and Tactics Section, Training Division, at (818) 832-3710.

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